

FORTIFY NARRAGANSETT BAY.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

JUNE 6, 1836.

Read, and laid upon the table.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MAY SESSION, A. D. 1836.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this General Assembly, it is highly expedient that all such fortifications as may be adequate to the best defence and protection of the waters of the Narragansett bay, and its adjoining coasts and country, be completed by the United States in such manner, and at as early a period as is consistent with the convenience of the Government, and a proper regard to the effective construction and durability of said works, as well as to the importance of its waters for the purposes of navigation.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this General Assembly, supported by the united opinions of the most eminent engineers, the Narragansett bay is susceptible of a complete defence; that being accessible at all seasons of the year, and with almost every wind, to the largest fleets which this country can ever maintain, it offers within its bosom the only safe station comprising such advantages, north of the Chesapeake bay; that it is invaluable as a port of expedition and naval rendezvous; and that thus, not only this State, but the whole Union, is interested in its effective defence.

*Resolved*, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to lay these resolutions before the respective bodies of which they are members, and to use their best exertions to obtain the necessary appropriations, to carry into effect the views of this General Assembly as before expressed.

True copy.

Witness:

HENRY BOWEN, *Secretary*.

